

OUR FASHION LETTER

Taffeta Jackets With Checked Voile Skirts.

THE ADVANTAGES OF MOHAIR

Papama Cloth Is Useful for Warm Weather Garments—The Odd and the Pretty Things in Spring Millinery—Some Popular Colors.

The days are here when the spring suit is to be donned, and the new models are certainly smart and becoming. Very stunning are checked voile skirts worn with short, jaunty little jackets of taffeta tucked in the prettiest kind of fashion.

Pongee in natural color and the blue that comes in such a good shade in this material will be used for shirt waist suits and stunning loose coats to wear over fluffy summer dresses.

Burlingham is another material which lends itself beautifully to the needs of the tailor walking costume. It looks like silk hosepacking and is very serviceable and attractive.

Mohair is the most satisfactory fabric for hard wear and in its present simple weave adapts itself perfectly to the demands of fashion.

Panama cloth, the plain being considered smarter, makes an ideal coat and

skirt gown, the skirt plaited and the coat a trim little bloused affair tucked into a high girde of silk or velvet.

The spring costume illustrated is of mustard cloth. The skirt is trimmed with two rows of brown silk fiber braid two inches wide. Above the bands is a design done in narrow braid in geometrical figures and filled in with rows of bronze buttons. The blouse is draped in plaits about the figure and trimmed with braid. The smart little inner vest is of Irish lace fastened with two lines of tiny buttons. Braid also trims the shoulders and full sleeves.

HATS AND WAISTS.

Fine crimoline straws in the most extraordinary colors are the first of the spring novelties to be launched. The shape is neither large nor small, and the crown is low, a mere apology for a crown, and the hat proper rises like a saucer around it.

The colors in the new hats are puce, amethyst and a kind of biney mauve difficult to describe and all the tones of green, rose, pink, red and white.

The trimming on this saucer-like hat is of the simplest description—a fold of velvet around the crown tied in a knot with two pointed ends in front and a feather as a trimming over the back.

The art of the new millinery consists in the selection of shades, for straw, velvet and feather are not alike, but harmonize perfectly.

On lingerie blouses medallions of embroidery are trimmed around with nar-



MODEL LINEN TUNOVERS.

row valenciennes lace. The material is cut from under the embroidery, and the effect is very lacy and pretty.

One charming organdie waist has a finely tucked yoke outlined with medallions of swiss embroidery trimmed around with narrow lace. The medallions are put so close together that the narrow lace ruffles fluff up against each other in a troufrouy fashion.

The collar and cuff sets pictured are one of the season's novelties. Very smart is the Dutch collar of eyelet embroidery. The linen turnover collar and ruffs are of the same work. Flirt net applied with a fleur-de-lis forms the corners of the deep linen turnover, and herringbone is the dainty finish of the pointed collar.

WARM WEATHER MILLINERY.

A most attractive spring hat is of bronze horsehair braid. The brim, which is turned up in front, gives the appearance of a tricorne hat at the sides and back. The crown is softly indented on the top. It is very simply trimmed with folded bands of bronze velvet, which tie directly in front into a five looped bow laid on the upturned brim and rest almost on the hair. The hat is encircled with one long rose



POLO TOQUE IN ROSE CRIM.

colored-ostrich plume. It starts at the back and continues around the crown. At the left side the plume curls over the brim and hangs down toward the back.

Burnt lilacs adorn one smart hat, and roses crushed and faded are to be seen on all the millinery of the moment.

Picture hats in smaller shapes will reign side by side with the tiny models Paris has whimsically insisted upon all the world wearing.

Linen hats are exquisite and are stunning when made of eyelet or anglaise embroidery. They launder well and may be always kept fresh and attractive.

The spring hats are simply trimmed and depend for their style entirely upon shape and coloring.

The smart little toque illustrated is called the "polo." It is carried out in

rose crim, the brim forming in rows the deep upturned brim. Directly in front of the toque are an egret and a panache of shaded ostrich feathers.

LINGERIE NOVELTIES.

Double beading is one of the lingerie novelties of the hour. This double beading, combined with narrow German valenciennes, is made up into the daintiest and prettiest of collar and cuff sets and the dearest little yokes.

Duplicates of the old fashioned tucker are to be seen everywhere in the



BEIGE VOILE DRESS.

dress world. All over embroidery is used for this purpose, and sheer tucked material with entre deux of lace is quite as smart. The tucker is used as a small yoke to give the fashionable touch of white about the face or fills in the V front formed by the surplined waist effect.

Another quaint conceit of the summer will be the matching of a prominent color in a flowered dress design to be carried out in girde, shoes and stockings. This touch gives an individuality to a gown.

Some of the charming spring models Paris has sent over are trimmed with flat crystal buttons.

French ribbon embroidery is occasionally to be found on the elaborate spring frock, but braid, lace and oriental embroidery are the trimmings most used.

The dress in the cut is suitable for a girl of ten. It is developed in fancy dotted beige voile. The full gathered skirt has two puffs of beige chiffon taffeta. A puffing of this silk outlines the shirred yoke, which extends surplice fashion down the front of the bloused waist. The girde and pompadour bows forming the bodice trimming are of almond green velvet. The sleeves are formed of two puffs above deep cuffs.

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